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News Summary.

Foreign.—Official Ischia figures: 1,900 killed. Severe storm in Ireland. Trial of O'Donnell begun. Alfonso likes Germans better than Frenchmen; they have made him colonel of Uhlanen. Jesuits at Rome to elect a General of the order. The Hovas in Madagascar have moved out the French. Shaw, missionary in Madagascar, arrived at Plymouth. Old Kaiser Wilhelm talks to the Fourth Army corps. Russia fixes up her fence so that Austria and Prussia won't break in. Sir Edward Sullivan takes oath as Lord Chancellor of Ireland. Princess Louise, if you please, has gone down in favor by many degrees; the reason of this isn't as clear, oh, the Kaunks went to blood-heat and now sink to zero. Cetewayo, who isn't so awful dead, is now called on to surrender. Christine Nilsson sailing hither. Admiral Courbet declines Tonquin in the name of France. Nordenskjold heard from. The Irish National League, with shamrock and whiskey, will rouse up the States and Erin and make our politics frisky. Bradlaugh, determined to try and win, demands that Parliament let him in.

Domestic.—Governor Ben asked again by the Democratic State Convention and also by the Greenbackers to run as Governor for the Massachusetts men; gives Harvard, in advance, another chance. N. Y. M. C. T. U. (if you can't read it, it won't hurt you; and if you can, it will be news) met at Poughkeepsie; first thing they ought to do is to reform that ten-minute lunch. News dealers cross about price of N. Y. papers. Governor Cleveland's boom beginning to boom. President Arthur, judiciously, seeking the Presidency. Burnside Memorial Hall, Bristol, R. I.; corner stone laid. Feeny, a wild Irishman, shoots at British Consul, in New York. Cars on Brooklyn Bridge begin to run; overcrowded and badly handled and slow time; plenty of promises, but not so many as the profane words. Korean Ambassadors seeing sights in New York city. Big seizure of dutiable goods on Alaska; which made her fastest voyage. (Gowen said to have discovered a Reading dividend; with a microscope?—Am. Rapid Tel. Co. takes in Bankers & Brokers and Southern lines. Buffalo Convention of Democrats bubbling and bouncing. Mgr. Capel incensed (without a trifle), at Justin D. Fulton; Fulton had been quiet so long, we were afraid of his next eruption, and, lo! it came. Rev. Dr. E. F. Hatfield, Moderator and Stated Clerk of the Presbyterian General Assembly, dead. Knights of Labor say they are not disrupting. F. B. Thurber and R. Heber Newton before Blair's Committee. Mrs. Morton is sensationally lost in Brooklyn and found again in Jersey City. Roman Catholic Provincial Council sitting at Cathedral, New York city. Cleveland controls Buffalo Democrats; Maynard is named for Secretary of State. Maryland Republicans nominate Hart B. Holden for Governor. National Colored Convention adjourns after adopting an address; Fred Douglass their principal leader. Dr. H. C. Potter elected Assistant Bishop of New York. Nobles who didn't suicide, arrested for fraud and soon to be tried.

About Town.

Stop, stop!
What an awful drop!
The price of the *Times* has fallen through.
And the *Herald* follows and tumbles too.
And the *Tribune* gracefully, don't you see,
Has gently slidden from Four to Three.
Dear, dear, what will they do,
Those papers that now are selling at two?
They will gather their cents in one fell swoop.
And drop to the floor of the *Eagle's* coop;
For we shouldn't wonder if now the *Sun*
Would rise to its duty by going at One!
But THE CITIZEN, cheap as they are,
Will stick to the old two dollars a year.
—Mr. G. H. Coggeshall has again returned to town after three months among the mountains.
—Mr. Cyrus Pierson is making numerous changes in the Baldwin property adjoining his store on Broad Street.
—Mr. John Cansbrook, superintendent of the gas works, is building a dwelling house on Race Street near the works.
—Jacob Meni, a boy of about twelve years, fell from a tree at the public school on Thursday and sprained his right arm.
—The truck house is open to visitors every Saturday evening. To-night the boys expect a visit from the chief and several members of the Plainfield Fire Department.
—The ladies of the Brookdale Reformed church are very busy just now preparing for a fair to be held some time during the month, at which time they propose to offer for sale many fancy and useful articles of home manufacture as well as a bountiful supply of eatables and refreshments.
—Tickets for the organ concert to be held on the 17th of October in the First Presbyterian will be offered for sale next week. The organist engaged for the oc-

casion is Mr. Penfield, of New York, who has for several seasons given recitals in St. George's Church.

—A deputation from the Bloomfield Lodge, I. O. O. F., attended the annual assembly at Paterson, on Thursday P. M.

—A silver knife was found on Bloomfield Avenue a week ago. The finder can be communicated with through Mr. Dodd, our postmaster.

—Mrs. Franklyn D. Pine has greatly improved her property and sidewalk on Bloomfield Avenue. An excellent example for her neighbors to follow.

—The residence of Mr. Peters, on corner of Broad and Franklin Streets, is receiving a new coat of paint; the shade is known as stone gray, and looks very attractive.

—All members of the B. F. A. who are entitled to and have not received badges, are notified that they may get the badges any Saturday evening at the truck house.

—Mrs. Wm. Dougherty, of Glen Ridge, who sustained such serious injuries by falling from a hammock the short time since, is now gradually improving; her recovery is becoming more hopeful.

—Wesley Jackson, aged 17 years, who has been serving a sentence of 18 months at the Penitentiary, died at that institution on Saturday last; the funeral will be held at the residence of an uncle in town on Tuesday.

—The president of the Orange Water Co. states that the construction of mains in Bloomfield will be commenced during the first week in October. Some portions of the town will therefore be supplied with water before frost stops the work.

—Messrs. Sherman, Davis, Johnson, Langstroth, and Bourne, who have been hunting and fishing for the past two weeks in the Shawangunk Mountains, are expected home today. We will hear from them in the next issue of THE CITIZEN.

—"Fast black," said old man Grouty as he went by the umbrella store on the Bowery; "yes, that's the name for it, that's all right. I've had 'em, and they're the fastest black to run off in a rain storm that ever you see." And growling to himself, Mr. Grouty went his way.

—The Fire Department of Plainfield will hold their annual parade on the 11th of October. The members of Essex No. 1 were invited to participate, but declined to go as a company, not wishing to take the truck so far away from home. Some of the boys, however, expect to be present.

—Cards are out for the marriage of Miss Annie E. Gilbert, daughter of Mr. Chas. Gilbert, to E. E. Baldwin of Newark. The ceremony will take place at the Baptist church on Wednesday evening, Oct. 30, six P. M. A reception will afterwards be given at the residence on Franklin Street.

—A large new library has been purchased for the Baptist Sunday school, composed of 600 books, 100 of which are for the infant class. The library is composed of the most choice works of well known authors, including all of Judge Tourgee's and E. P. Roe's works, besides other popular works.

—Workmen have begun to excavate the cellar for the new bakery and confectionery on Broad St. next to Mr. R. W. Gardner's residence. The brick is already on the ground. Parents and guardians will now be able to predict with some certainty the future location of spare cash.

—Messrs. Thos. E. Hayes and Walter S. Freeman, who represent Bloomfield on the Republican Committee called a meeting of Republican voters for last evening. This meeting was held, but no report can be printed in this number of THE CITIZEN. We trust that all the Republicans of the township will unite in putting forth every effort at the approaching election.

—Mr. John A. Robinson, aged 29 years, who has been boarding at Mr. George W. Baldwin's for a short time, died after a brief illness on Saturday last. Mr. Robinson was a son of the late Dr. John Robinson of Flatbush, L. I., and a member of the Brooklyn Board of Education; the funeral services were held at the residence of his father-in-law, Nevill W. Butler, of Brooklyn, on Monday the 24th.

—An addition 16x14 feet is being made to the Watessing depot; there will be two waiting rooms, a larger office, and a living room on the first floor; the second floor will be divided into living rooms, which will be occupied by the agent, Mr. Cook; a larger platform, and probably a roof over the greater part of it, will be among the outside improvements. When completed, it will make a very neat and handy station.

—The Daft Electric Motor people are, from latest accounts, neither discouraged nor disposed to stop in their attempt to run cars on Bloomfield Avenue. They are reported to have said, within a few days, that Edison's patent is no obstruction, and that they are entirely able to electrify all the rails on the road. They express a hope to have cars in regular operation before winter fairly sets in. Against this must be placed the decidedly

apparent fact that no cars have as yet been propelled by electricity between Newark and Bloomfield, and that the electric attachments have actually been removed from the cars that were expected to be in use.

—For several weeks past citizens of the township have been annoyed by an old woman, with a black eye, who begs from house to house for money and other things. Upon the best authority, we are able to state that "she is not worthy and should not be encouraged." Under our laws all real objects of charity can be and are liberally provided for. In almost all cases, begging on the streets is done by persons who are unworthy of help.

—Mr. Bert Pressy, son of the inventor of the American Star Bicycle, rode up Eagle Rock Hill on Saturday, on that wonderful machine. This is the first time the feat has ever been accomplished on a wheel. At the bicycle races on Friday at Waverley, Mr. Pressy won the half mile race in 1:45, and was second in the two mile race. At the close of the races there was a parade of bicycles and tricycles. Among those who paraded were a young lady and a venerable old gentleman.

—The Young People's Literary Society of the M. E. Church held their regular monthly meeting on Tuesday evening at the residence of Mr. Joseph Costers on Franklin Street. About seventy members and friends were present. The exercises consisted of readings, essays, music, etc.; the various parts being well sustained by Miss Martha Adams, Miss Carl, Miss Lewis, Messrs. Martin Bros., and others. After the programme had been exhausted, the remainder of the evening was spent in merrymaking; the society is gradually becoming more interesting, and its membership materially increasing.

Montgomery Items.

Item No. 1. This itemizer has met with an ax-eye dent, having been struck on the eyeball with a bar of metal. A few stitches have remedied the injury, but it is a kind of sewerage he does not fancy. However, he has the left eye left, and having a little idle time to observe incidents around him, will see if he can see any items suitable for THE CITIZEN.

—The Salvation Army, who have been holding the fort on the canal bridge during the summer months, will soon be called in.

—The collector has lately been around with the tax bills. Some one in the outskirts (over on the old road) remarks that the only time he sees the town authorities attending to the public business is when the assessor and collector come around.

—The study of astronomy seems to interest some folks hereabouts. This is an old science, and has commanded the attention of both the ancients and moderns. The conjunction of the heavenly bodies is an interesting study; so is the conjunction of the earthly bodies, but it smacks a little of carnal things.

—The nomination of Leon Abbett is considered by the no-monopoly Democrats in this vicinity to have been made on the homeopathic principle—*similia similibus curantur*. A liberal translation being, set a thief to catch a thief.

—D. Baker will enter his famous fox hunter at the Madison Square Exhibition. He expects to take the first prize for making the hurdle leaps and the water jumps.

—A young gentleman that *Os borne* and raised in Montgomery, (*now engaged*) in the insurance business in Newark, expects during the coming week to Rob Newark of one of her fair daughters. A grand transformation scene will take place at this wedding. The bridegroom will find his grave, while the bride leaves her grave behind her, and *s' borne* anew. May their bark glide smoothly down the stream of time, insured against the risks and eddies of the whirlpool of life, and be it their policy ever to renew their pledges of love and constancy!

—The oyster season having arrived, of course we all half shelled out for this welcome luxury. There is no use in getting in a stew about it, however; they are a dish that every one makes a point of having in the raw weather now approaching. Some of the dealers are bawling over the prices to be asked for them. We hope they won't saddle us too high for the necessary rocks to pay for this seasonal food. Some one has remarked that he was a bold man that ate the first oyster; should say he was, if they were designated by the scientific term by which they are now known, viz.: lamelli-branchiate mollusks. It must have been some of these they gave Thackeray, when he exclaimed after gulping down a big one, that he felt as if he had swallowed a baby!

—Wanted: A good grocery and general notion store in this neighborhood. At present, if half a gallon of molasses is needed, we must send a gal on a trot half a mile to procure it. If a pound of butter is wanted, that gal says there is no one but her to get it. It is said that the more flour a good housewife has the more she kneads; but here she kneads it often when she cannot get it, and has to wait

for it to rise until the yeast cakes come up (from the stove.) Some persons have become disgusted with this state of affairs, and order their goods of such reliable dealers as Atwater and Carter of Newark, who Carter goods about Atwater time suits their customers (and their own) convenience. If a little article of hardware is required, we must tramp *willdly* to Bloomfield in search of it, or make *haste* to find it in some other quarter. A branch post office also, if the authorities would letters have it (connected with a good store), would stamp up a growing village, and be a great convenience to the ladies, who need not then post off to Bloomfield in search of the mails.

I was in doubt about writing this last line or two, as I haven't much hair now. GAS BAG.

Judge Dixon's Formal Acceptance of the Republican Nomination.

Judge Jonathan Dixon's letter formally accepting the Republican nomination for Governor of New Jersey is as follows:

JERSEY CITY, Sept. 25, 1883.
Messrs. William Walter Phelps, William Stansby, and others:
GENTLEMEN: Your letter is at hand, informing me of my nomination for the office of Governor of New Jersey, by the spontaneous and unanimous voice of the Republican convention, held at Trenton, on Sept. 18th inst., and stating that you were appointed a committee to ask my acceptance. I am deeply sensible of the honor which this action of my fellow-citizens confers. I have not directly or indirectly sought to bribe about, nor do personal considerations now awaken in me any desire for the high office for which I am named.

But it has always been my opinion that, under our form of government, every citizen was bound to assume that public station to which the people called him, unless imperative personal reasons prevented; and it is not for me now to shrink from the guidance of my convictions. There is not and has not been any personal reason strong enough to justify my declining, and therefore, if elected Governor, I will undertake the functions of the office and endeavor to perform its duties. I have considered the views and principles expressed in the platform of the convention, and I approve them all.

The convention found me holding a public office second to none in the State for opportunities of usefulness and consequent esteem. It did not request me to abandon that position for the purpose of seeking another, and I have therefore concluded, after weighing anxiously the varying counsel of friends, and influenced, perhaps (though I trust not unduly), by my own preference, to await where I am the decision of the people on the choice of high the convention has made. Yours very respectfully,

JONATHAN DIXON.

A Defaulting Clerk.

Thomas Shannon, a young man about nineteen years old, employed as clerk by Messrs. Peloubet & Co., was discovered a few days since to have stolen a small amount of money while assisting in paying the employees of the company. Investigation proved that the stealing had been going on for some time, and in various ways, the total amount so far discovered being about two hundred dollars. The young man was taken into the factory about two years ago, and was employed in the stock room, where his work proved satisfactory. Being bright, active, and a good penman, he was removed to the office, where he filled the position of clerk and office boy. Being truthful and apparently honest, he was allowed more liberty with the books as he became acquainted with the work, and up to the day of the discovery commanded the confidence of the firm.

The first theft so far discovered was made on the 16th of February last, and amounted to \$20; it was accomplished by changing the total footing of the payroll from \$3.38 to \$3.68, and pocketing the difference; this was repeated on several occasions. Another system was to enter a name on the payroll in two places with the same amounts as the time book called for; the first name would be checked and the money put in the employee's book; the money for the second name would be placed in an envelope in the absence of the book; this envelope would be taken by Shannon. Still another system was to alter the amount called for in the employee's time book to several dollars more than the actual total, and after the money had been placed in the books he would in some way secure the book, deduct the amount of the forgery, and correct the total amount in the book. How he secured possession of the books to carry on these thefts and forgeries for so long a time without being detected, is a fact that puzzles the firm.

When the young man was charged with the crime, he acknowledged his guilt at once. His father, who owns a place in town, has become security for the full amount, whatever it may be. The boy has since applied to the firm for a recommendation of his ability, saying that honesty need not be mentioned, and was quite indignant because it was refused. From all accounts the money taken has been squandered in frequent visits to the cities, and in driving fancy horses.

The Township Committee.

The Township Committee held a meeting on Friday evening to appoint Commissioners of Appeal in place of John Hall and Lewis Cookefair, who had failed to qualify in time. They appointed Lewis Cookefair and C. Akers, who with Phineas J. Ward composed the board of appeal.

The Commissioners of Appeal met at the Town Committee rooms on Tuesday to receive complaints and appeals from the assessor's valuations.

But few cases were presented, and these were promptly disposed of.

DEACON: "Did you ever think what you could do if you had the Duke of Westminster's income?" Village pastor — "No, but I have sometimes wondered what the Duke would do if he had mine."

Ballots.

Ere Autumn leaves us, every green
Tree her cool touch receives—
And, like a transformation scene,
Appear the—Autumn leaves.

What is that, which, though often lost
and never looked for, is yet always on
hand ready to be lost again? One's temper.

"Rev. T. Page Ricard, of the North Carolina Conference, is the father of twenty-four children." It would require a good sized page whereon to Ricard the names of that family. His house must fairly reek (oh!) with them.

A modern Hercules—the man who
"took up his residence among us."

A United States Postal Clerk in the far West has been dismissed for being absent from his post two hundred and fifty-seven days in the past year. He probably lived a little East of his office, and went home to vote *via* Asia and Europe. The government ought not to be so hasty.

It is stated upon good authority, that a well known showman has purchased the newly discovered "Noah's Ark," and that there may be no question of its authority. Mt. Ararat will accompany it to this country.

Poor President Arthur! In order that no section may be jealous, he feels it his duty to fly north, south, east, and west—but virtue is its own reward.

Edward Mann slipped from the roof of a barn he was shingling, in Maine, recently, and broke his leg—which definitely settles the question of the descent of Mann.

Abraham and Joshua had been invited to a splendid dinner.

It was impossible for Joshua not to make capital out of such an opportunity. Accordingly he managed to slip a silver spoon into his boot.

Abraham was green with envy at Joshua's success, for he had not even manipulated a saltspoon.

But an idea struck him.

"My friends," he cried, "I will show you some tricks."

Taking up a spoon, he said, "You see dees spoon? Well, it ees gone!" he cried, passing it up his sleeve. "You will find it in Joshua's boot!"

It was found.—*Life*.

A physician says: "In buying clothing care should be taken to investigate the hygroscopicity of the cloth." We always do; but, as singular as it may appear, many persons buy a coat and never give a thought to its hygroscopicity. This is a great mistake.—*Norristown Herald*.

Well, we are glad to see that those having the matter in charge have examined so carefully into the pingendence of the coat the Seminary lately received.

The new minister and his wife, an uncommonly stout couple, by the way, were taking tea at farmer Slick's, and each little Slick had been urged and commanded to behave well, particularly Pete, who could not always be depended upon. All had stood while the parson asked the blessing, and, as they sat down, he glanced benignantly at Pete, who stood beside him, having entered hurriedly and late, and remarked: "This is a fine boy, Mr. Slick." The words were scarcely uttered, when a noise like a pistol shot accompanied by the howling and screeching of a cat were heard, and the Rev. and Mrs. Grimes were seen for one brief instant, like Mahommed's coffin, in midair, ere they regained their mental and physical equilibrium. The preacher lifted from his chair what looked like a shining stove lid, but was in reality a compressed silk hat, his own cherished tile, while from the seat whereon for a fearful instant had sat Mrs. G., mournfully limped the family cat—*mashed*, bodily, not sentimentally.

It was astonishing with what pleased alacrity the reverend couple said "Certainly!" when Mr. Slick asked them to excuse himself and Pete for a few minutes. When the farmer returned to the table alone subsequently, there were spots on the son which indicated coolness between Pete and his sire.

A bad man is like an earthen vessel—easy to break and hard to mend. A good man is like a golden vessel—hard to break and easy to mend.—*From the Hindoo*.

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